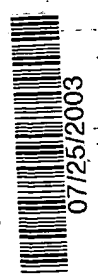


PLANT PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
(For new Non-provisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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Title: Hibiscus Plant 'Balhibred'
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a new plant patent application of inventor(s): **Ellen Leue** and entitled: **Hibiscus Plant 'Balhibred'**. For purposes of publication, this patent application is assigned to: **PanAmerican Seed Company, a division of Ball Horticultural Company**

Application Elements:

1. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.163(b).
2. ☒ Specification containing 8 pages (2 copies required (37 CFR §1.163(b) - in accordance with the preferred arrangement).
3. ☒ Drawings: 1 Sheets of Color Drawing(s) (2 copies required - 37 CFR §1.165(b))
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 - c. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d), for continuation/divisional with No. 15 completed.
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5. ☐ Application Data Sheet.
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☐ Power of Attorney
8. ☐ English Translation document (if applicable)
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10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ Return Postcard for PTO Mail Room Date Stamp (should be specifically itemized).
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14. ☐ Other _____

NOTE: Please state the Latin name and variety denomination of the plant claimed in a separate section of the specification.

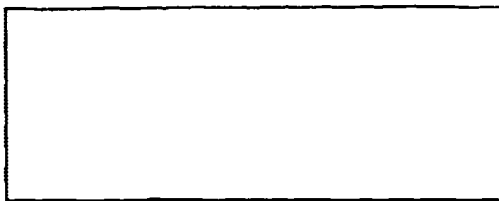
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